



SAINT THOMAS' PARISH
EPISCOPAL CHURCH • DUPONT CIRCLE



First Sunday After Christmas

December 31, 2017

Holy Eucharist

Prelude

“Christmas Eve / Sarajevo”

Trans-Siberian Orchestra

Hymn

“Joy to the World”

Antioch

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

ALMIGHTY GOD, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Angels we have Heard on High

Gloria

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU HAVE Poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

✠ *All sit for the first lesson.*

Reading - Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

The First Nowell

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✕ Please stand. Verses 1, 2, and 3 before the Gospel and verses 4 and 5 after the Gospel.

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star
 3 And by the light of that same star
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
 3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
 4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
 5 full re - v - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
 4 and there it did both stop and stay
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

The Holy Gospel – John 1:1-18

Priest: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Alex Dyer

✠ *Please observe a moment of silence following the sermon.*

The Nicene Creed

WE BELIEVE in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

The Prayers of the People

✠ All remain standing as able

Intercessor: Let us pray to God, who came among us in the birth of Jesus:

Gracious God, as a star rose, and drew people from great distances to Bethlehem that they might greet the Christ-child; Draw us, your Church, and all your people to you – that we might be the Church, and the people who you call us to be.

Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

As you gave Mary your Holy Spirit, filling her with the delight of your Presence; Fill us with your Spirit, and renew our lives.

Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

As Gentiles streamed to Jesus' Light, and Kings to the brightness of his rising; Draw our nation, our President, our Congress, our mayor, and all in authority, to his brightness.

Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

As angels sang 'glorias' to you and proclaimed peace on earth, and goodwill among all peoples; Bring us your peace, and bring an end to terror and strife.

Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

As shepherds were drawn away from their flocks by night; Draw those who do not know you yet to the knowledge and love of you.

Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

As Jesus was born in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn; Help us to be present with those who have nowhere to lay their head, those who are vulnerable, and those who are hungry.

Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

As the Holy Family gathered together in Bethlehem, and traveled together to far off lands; Bless all families, especially the families of our parish, and protect those who travel.

Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

As your son came to proclaim the forgiveness of sins, and the gift of Life Eternal; Give to the departed eternal rest and let Light perpetual shine on them.

Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: O Lord our God, may the Light and Hope of this season, and of your Son's Incarnation, reassure our hearts that you are among us, that you hear our prayer, and that you will be with us always, even to the end of the age. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth we pray. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of The Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

✠ *The people stand as able and sing while an offering is collected to support the work of sharing God's love with the world and living out God's mission. The bread and wine are brought forward to the altar as the Priest prepares the altar.*

Hymn

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

Cranham

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor— earth sus - tain;
3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
4 What— can I give him, poor— as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim throng - ed the air;
If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow— on— snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
if I were a wise— man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
the Lord— God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

The Great Thanksgiving

At St. Thomas' Parish, we invite all those who seek God and a deeper life in Christ to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. To receive communion, take the consecrated bread in the palm of your hand. Eat the bread and then drink from the cup when it is offered to you. If you do not wish to receive the consecrated bread or wine but would like a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms with your hands on your shoulders and a priest will provide a blessing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

IT IS RIGHT AND A GOOD and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with the word 'Ho' on a long note, followed by 'ly,'. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic background. The second system continues the vocal line with 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r_ and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.' The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est. —

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est. —". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

To you indeed be glory, Almighty God, because on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat this is my body which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise. Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and this wine and upon us and our celebration that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world. Unite us in Christ and give us your peace. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

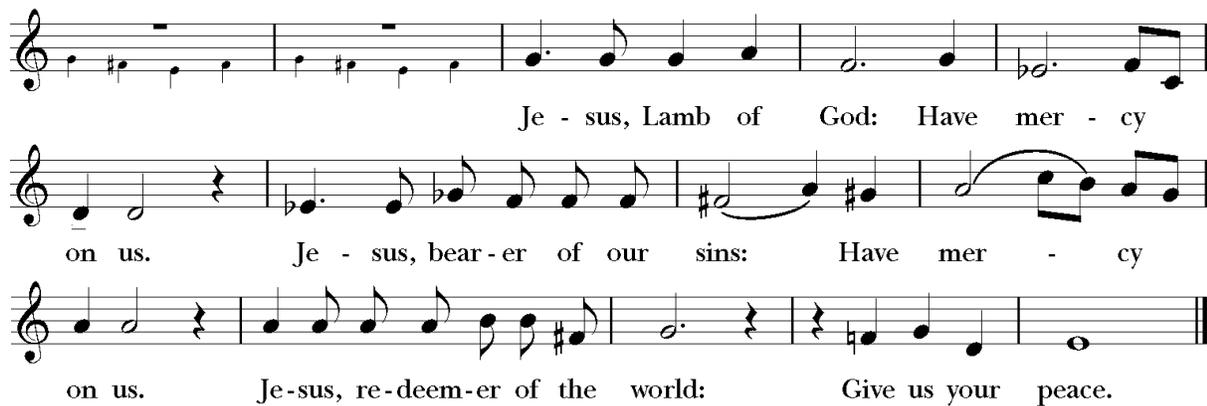
The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

OUR FATHER in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem

✦ *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and after a moment of silence, all sing.*



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

✦ *Communion is distributed at a station at the foot of the steps to the altar.*

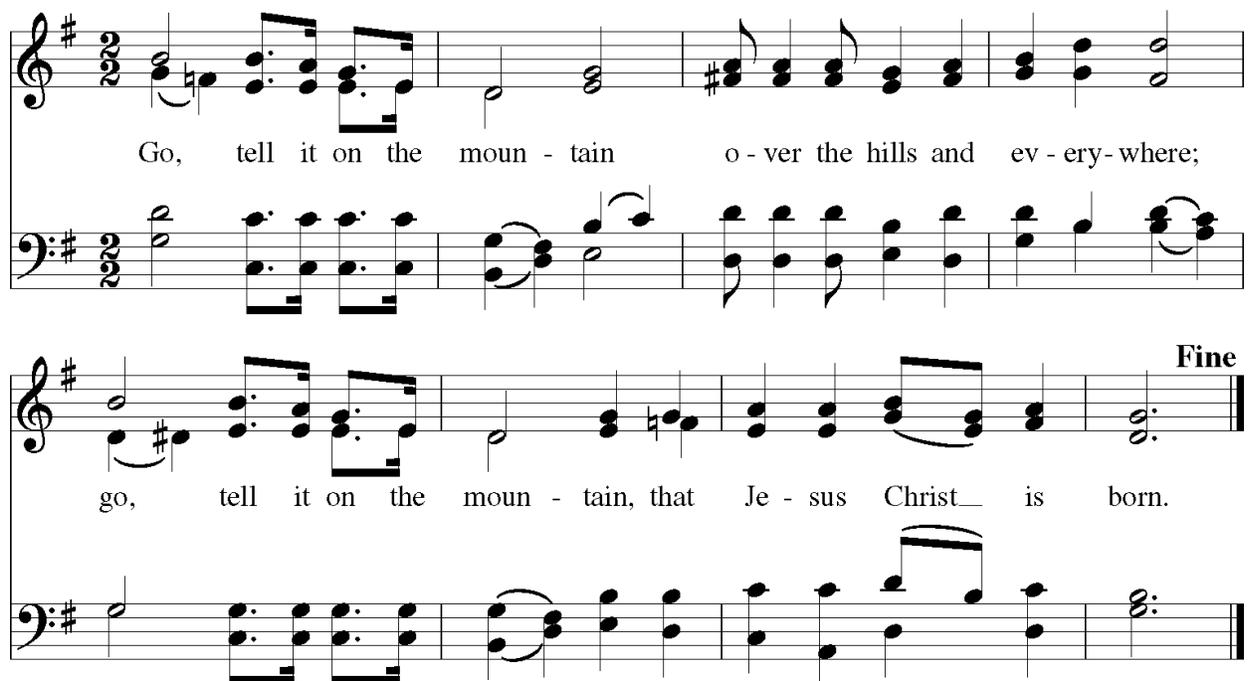
All enter via the center aisle (alternating sides for each person) and return via the side aisles.

Hymn

“Go Tell It On the Mountain”

Farley Smith

✦ *Sung by all during communion.*



Go, tell it on the moun - tain o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;
go, tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born. **Fine**

1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
 2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled, when lo! a - bove the earth,
 3. Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

1. Be - hold through - out the heav - ens there shown a ho - ly light. —
 2. Rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed the Sav - ior's birth. —
 3. And God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn. —

D.C.

Prayer after Communion

✠ *Said by all, standing.*

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn

“We Three Kings”

Three Kings of Orient



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
 3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
 4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain

O _____ star of won - der, star of night,

star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,

still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ! People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

“Hallelujah Chorus”

Handel

✦ *All are invited to join in singing the Hallelujah Chorus. Music can be found in your bulletin as an insert.*

The worship has ended, let the service begin.

Service Participants:

Greeters: David Swanson
Carol Coonrod

Lector: John Stanton

Ushers: Dennis Hobb
Doug Evans

Intercessor: Nate Vaagen

Coffee Hour: Catherine Manhardt
Dennis Hobb

Offertory Guild: Catherine Manhardt

Verger: Lynn Moluf

Childcare: Jeremy Ayers

Vestry Host: Dennis Hobb

Chalice: Catherine Manhardt

Vestry Teller: Kevin Montgomery



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“As St. Thomas’ Parish we are followers of Jesus, striving to see Christ in each person, and to be Christ in our community, our city, and our world.”

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Dennis Hobb, Junior Warden
David Swanson, Treasurer

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Kevin Montgomery, Stephen Schembs, Ariel Vaagen

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